

Making an Impact

THE CDC FOUNDATION RESPONDS TO COVID-19

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This issue represents the twenty-fifth of the CDC Foundation's COVID-19 response updates, highlighting the work the Foundation is doing through donor support to extend CDC's emergency response. We thank our donors for their incredible generosity and support that is saving and protecting lives as part of the COVID-19 pandemic response.

Update: Globally, more than 192.7 million confirmed cases of coronavirus disease have been reported, including approximately 4.1 million deaths. In the United States, there have been more than 34.2 million confirmed cases and more than 610,000 deaths.

CDC Update: As of July 23, 2021, more than 187.2 million people in the United States have received their first dose of a COVID-19 vaccine. Of those, 162.1 million are fully vaccinated. Learn more from the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) [COVID Data Tracker](#).

This week during a Senate Health, Education, Labor and Pensions Committee hearing, CDC Director Dr. Rochelle Walensky reported that the highly transmissible Delta variant is responsible for over 80 percent of new coronavirus infections. Dr. Walensky explained that this new estimate represents “a dramatic increase” from 50 percent of sequenced cases that were reported the week of July 3.

What the CDC Foundation is doing: To date, individuals, philanthropies, organizations, corporations and government funders have committed \$513.9 million for the CDC Foundation's COVID-19 response, and the Foundation has deployed those funds in over 83 U.S. states and territories and other countries.

COVID-19 continues to have a disproportionate impact on underserved communities and ethnic minorities. These groups are eligible for potentially life-saving therapies, including monoclonal antibody (mAb) treatments. Learn more about these lifesaving treatments by watching the video of the CDC Foundation's [sixth webinar for community-based organizations](#).

No one knows when the next pandemic will occur, but we know one will inevitably happen. The Bipartisan Policy Center recently released a report titled “Positioning America's Public Health System for The Next Pandemic.” The report has ten overarching recommendations, including strengthening federal roles, incentivizing states to participate in a coordinated response and creating a National Board on Pandemic Preparedness. Dr. Judy Monroe spoke at the report's introduction to provide her perspectives on the importance of investing in public health protection. [See the report](#).

In late June, [The Business of Giving podcast](#) released an interview between Dr. Judy Monroe and host Denver Frederick. In the episode, Dr. Monroe discusses the history of the CDC Foundation, our work in emergency responses—including COVID-19—and the future of the public health protection system.

Today, COVID-19 continues to infect and take lives in the United States and across the globe. We need the help of our donors to continue to fight the coronavirus pandemic and save lives. [Please join with us to Crush COVID at give4cdcf.org](#).

Supporting the Work to Save and Protect Lives:

Through the support of our donors, our team has addressed a variety of needs as part of our response efforts since the last update. These highlights include:

- Supporting the Health Action Alliance to kick off a new effort with employers, business groups and public health organizations to [help working parents vaccinate eligible children against COVID-19](#) and catch up on other routine immunizations that may have been delayed during the pandemic.
- Partnering with Circle of Hope (COH) in Zambia to [utilize existing partnerships with influencers](#), including the faith community, community leaders and communities in which COH operates in Zambia, to implement a robust strategy to reach their target audience with information promoting vaccine uptake.
- Collaborating with Johns Hopkins University to convene a series of focus groups whose purpose is to [set the stage for and design a preliminary prototype of a Business and Public Health Accountability Dashboard](#). The dashboard would include measures and metrics that are of interest to both business and public health communities and would inspire action-taking to improve population health alongside economic development. If properly designed and executed, the dashboard would then be posted, and regularly updated, on local business and public health websites as a demonstration of a community's concern about the health and economic well-being of its citizens.
- Providing [additional data analysis staff positions](#) to support the CDC international task force in developing algorithms to identify areas of concern and track data regarding vaccination rates globally.

For a broader look at our response efforts since January 2020, please visit: bit.ly/CDCFimpact